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Students, Faculty and Staff,

Welcome to a new academic year at Valdosta State University! It will be a year unlike any in our history; you will be here to celebrate with us as important elements of VSU's approved Master Plan become realities. During the coming twenty-four months you will witness the construction of a new Hopper Hall, a new Georgia Hall, a new health center, a new student union, two new parking decks, and the renovation of Reade Hall. The total costs for this new construction will be \$150,000,000 and will be financed through bond issuance by a public/private partnership. In addition you will see the creation of a new athletic facility. Within the next thirty-six to forty-eight months with anticipated funding from the State of Georgia you will witness the construction of a new Health Sciences/Business Administration Center at North Campus. Finally, other renovation projects will be conducted at the same time as these larger projects. You will see the campus of VSU literally transform before your eyes.

Teams of VSU citizens including students, faculty and administrators, members of the Board of Regents staff, and architects, engineers, and other professionals have worked and planned for several years for this progress. All of these projects have been approved by the Board of Regents and are in keeping with our Master Plan.

Through this web site we will explain each project in detail and keep you informed about the progress. Please expect some inconvenience over this time of construction. The information presented in these pages should allow you to consider changes in your routine which will expedite your movement about campus and ensure your safety which is our foremost concern. We welcome any suggestions you might have.

Thank you in advance for enjoying this exciting stage of progress at Valdosta State University and for participating in the transformation of Your Space.

Best wishes for a successful year at Valdosta State!

Sincerely,
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and Assistant Professor Emeritus of Modern and
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